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Dear Ms. Stommes,

I am writing this note to urge the USDA to establish a policy that completely embodies the NOSB's recommendations. In particular, I think that genetically engineered organisms, processing agents, or agricultural inputs should be considered to be organic products. Moreover, I also think that sewage sludge and irradiation should be prohibited. Furthermore, the standards and fee structure should also be consistent with the NOSB recommendations.